

## Ida's Notebook

by  
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Almost Valentine's Day and I have many thoughts. When I was almost eight years old, I had a little sister born February 14. However, she did not live to be more than 12 years old. Doctors in that day did not have the knowledge that they do today.

On a happier note, Allen and I are helping to plan a Valentine Dance. Thus, I have helped to make about 100 paper carnations. I was really surprised at the beauty of the pink, white and red flowers. Of course, I had to be shown how to make them. Even planning and

buying the refreshments for a large group takes time. And, I am the one responsible for the advertising prior to the event. This means meeting publication deadlines.

Recently, we attended a large funeral of a friend. Many people paid tribute to his life's accomplishments. He was active in many organizations and had a variety of experiences including farming, church work, and big business. Not everyone can fill so many different shoes.

Since January 1, my husband

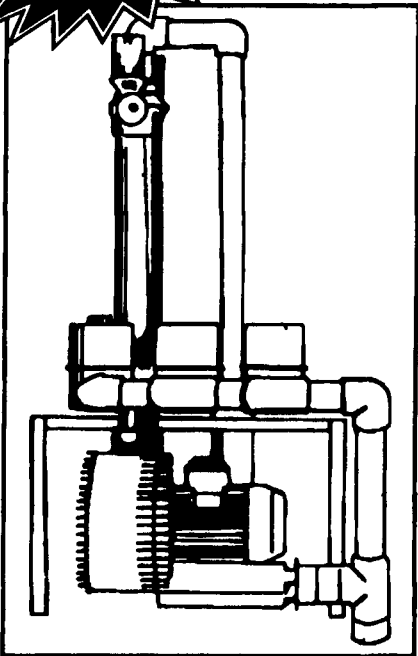
has decided to work fewer days on the farm. We just had a 47th wedding anniversary and every day since then he has worked on the dairy farm. Now he feels just a few days a week will be enough. So, he has been doing some necessary jobs her at home plus doing more reading.

He is making holes in locust posts for a rail fence. I'm glad he has a woodworking shop. I tell people that at least that gets him "out of the kitchen." When I bake pies or try to follow a complicated recipe it is nice not to be disturbed. How I ever did that with six children clamoring for attention, I do not know.



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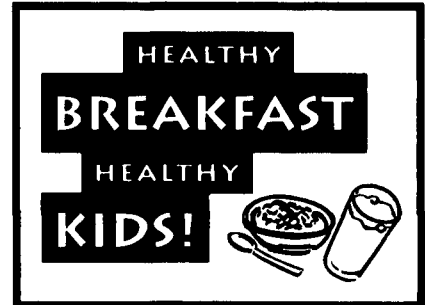
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